

IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): An insert received for receipt in a blade opening of a table of a cutting tool, with the insert comprising:

a table insert portion having an outer periphery of a shape corresponding to the blade opening, with the table insert portion further including an upper surface and a lower surface, with the table insert portion having a passage extending from the upper surface through the lower surface; [[and]]

a kerf insert portion formed of cuttable material, with the kerf insert portion having a size and shape adapted to fit removably received in the passage, with the kerf insert portion having an upper surface, with the kerf insert portion being insertable into the passage by movement perpendicular to the upper surface of the table insert portion and the upper surface of the kerf insert portion; and

adjustment structure to adjust the height of the upper surface of the kerf insert portion relative to the upper surface being adjustably held inside of the table insert portion so that passage with the upper surface of the kerf insert portion is being planar with the upper surface of the table insert portion.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The insert of claim 1 with the kerf insert portion being held to the table insert portion by holding screws threadably received in at least one of the kerf insert portion and the table insert portion.

Claim 3 (original): The insert of claim 2 with the kerf insert portion including holding screw openings for rotatable receipt of the holding screws, with the table insert portion including threaded, securement openings for threadable receipt of the holding screws.

Claim 4 (original): The insert of claim 3 with the passage being stepped and including a lip extending from sides of the passage, with the threaded, securement openings located in the lip within the passage.

Claim 5 (original): The insert of claim 4 with the kerf insert portion further having a continuous lower surface parallel to the upper surface, with the kerf insert portion having a thickness between the upper and lower surfaces less than between the upper and lower surfaces of the table insert portion.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The insert of claim 4 with the lip having an abutment surface for abutting with the kerf insert portion received in the passage, with the kerf insert

~~portion being adjustably positioned in the passage by adjustment structure~~ spacing the kerf insert portion from the abutment surface.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The insert of claim 6 with the ~~kerf insert portion being adjustably positioned in the passage by adjustment devices structure being~~ mounted to the lip and abutting with the kerf insert portion adjacent to the holding screws.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The insert of claim 7 with the ~~adjustment structure devices~~ comprising at least one set screw threadably received in the lip adjacent each holding screw.

Claim 9 (currently amended): The insert of claim 7 with the ~~adjustment structure devices~~ comprising a pair of set screws threadably received in the lip on diametrically opposite sides of each holding screw.

Claim 10 (original): The insert of claim 9 with the kerf insert portion including an access opening extending from the upper surface and aligned with each set screw.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The insert of claim 7 further comprising: a plurality of leveling screws threadably received in the table insert portion for adjusting the table insert portion such that the upper surface of the kerf insert portion is planar with an upper surface of the table.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The insert of claim 11 further comprising: first and second abutting elements; and first and second means for biasing the first and second abutting elements away from the outer periphery and adapted to engage the blade opening of the table.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The insert of claim 12 with first and second plunger openings formed in the outer periphery, with the first and second biasing means each comprising a spring, with each of the first and second plunger openings receiving one of the first and second abutting elements which sandwiches the spring inside the plunger opening.

Claim 14 (previously presented): The insert of claim 13 further comprising: a housing of a size and shape to be press fit in one of the first and second plunger openings, with the abutting element and the spring received in the housing.

Claim 15 (original): The insert of claim 14 with the abutting elements being spherical balls.

Claim 16 (previously presented): The insert of claim 14 with the outer periphery including first and second channels extending between the upper and lower surfaces of the table insert portion, with the plunger openings located within the channels.

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Claim 17 (original): The insert of claim 3 with the holding screw openings being counterbored.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The insert of claim 1 with the passage being stepped and including a lip extending from sides of the passage, with the lip having an abutment surface for abutting with the kerf insert portion received in the passage, with the kerf insert portion being held by being attached to the lip, with the ~~kerf insert portion being adjustably positioned in the passage by adjustment structure~~ spacing the kerf insert portion from the abutment surface.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The insert of claim 18 with the ~~kerf insert portion being adjustably positioned in the passage by~~ adjustment ~~devices structure being~~ mounted to the lip and abutting with the kerf insert portion.

Claim 20 (currently amended): The insert of claim 19 with the adjustment ~~devices structure~~ comprising at least one set screw threadably received in the lip.

Claims 21 and 22 (canceled).